

REMARKS

This Submission of Request for Continued Examination is in response to the Advisory Action dated June 20, 2008, in connection with the above application.

Applicants submitted a Response and an Amendment on May 28, 2008. However, the Advisory Action indicates that the Amendment has not been entered. Applicants request entry and consideration of this Response and Amendment.

Applicants submit that the previously submitted claim amendment is fully supported by the specification (e.g., page 12, lines 10-18; page 71, lines 3-5; and Table 1 on pages 78-80) and original claims (e.g., claims 1 and 9). No new matter has been introduced. For example, the specification teaches that "40-45 genes are sufficient to accurately predict the class of the samples in the test set and, as such, they are deemed most discriminatory of the oral epithelium cancerous state" (e.g., page 71, lines 3-5).

In addition, Applicants point out that Table 1 lists 45 genes which are referenced by accession numbers and gene names. In response to the previous Office Action, Applicants submitted a sequence listing which includes sequences of 43 genes of Table 1 (SEQ ID NOs: 1-43). However, two genes of Table 1 (i.e., accession numbers: HG3549-HT3751 and HG2992-HT5186) are not included in the sequence listing since Applicants have not retrieved the sequences of these two genes and cannot assign a sequence identifier to each of these two genes.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. A Petition for a one-month of extension of time and appropriate fees are concurrently filed herewith. If an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. **MIN-P01-042** from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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